

19 October 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Operations

FROM : Donald P. Gregg

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SUBJECT : Responses to the House Appropriations
Committee Report on the Directorate of
Operations

1. Attached are responses to the House Appropriations Committee (S&I) report on the Directorate of Operations. You asked me to write a statement on each of the selected issues raised by the report in preparation for a hearing before the Committee. No such hearing is scheduled and the Comptroller believes it is unlikely that a hearing will be called for. The Comptroller believes that we should reply to the report in writing. What I have prepared can be used, I believe, either as a written report to the S&I team or as a basis for an orally delivered statement.

2. Twenty-one issues are dealt with. The one unresolved issue in the questions raised by the S&I report is on use of the DCI's authority in Section 8 of the CIA Act of 1949. This was an issue which I highlighted for you in my report of 20 June (attached). The Comptroller's office, with whom I discussed this matter, recommended that I not try to deal with this issue at this time. They believe that more careful consideration and discussions are necessary. The DDA for its part believes that there are clear and formal guidelines governing the use of Section 8 authority and that to develop a more precise set of regulations would be extremely difficult. The DDA believes that it would be possible to work out with the oversight committees of Congress methods whereby a series of reviews could be made to determine whether Section 8 authority is being properly exercised. A decision is needed as to what, if anything, you wish to do on this matter. Since we have not done anything up to this point, I suggest that the covering letter which submits our comments on the twenty-one issues simply state that we are continuing to study the extremely complicated question of the Director's authority in Section 8.

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